

PROFESSORS

The Professor & the CIA

For twelve years Dr. Evron M. Kirkpatrick has been executive director of the American Political Science Association, a prestigious fraternity which has about 16,000 professors in its membership.

He has also been, for the last ten years, executive director of Operations and Policy Research, Inc., an organization established to help the United States Information Service, the government's propaganda arm, distribute more persuasive broadsides and magazines and books both in this country and abroad.

Dr. Kirkpatrick (formerly University of Minnesota, formerly OSS, formerly State Department) sees no conflict in his dual role. Indeed, to create and polish the government's propaganda Dr. Kirkpatrick has said he employs on a part-time basis more than 100 professors, many of them members of his campus organization, the APSA.

Where does the money come from? In the early years of its existence, Operations and Policy Research, Inc., was supported solely by USIA funds. It still gets nearly \$50,000 a year from USIA, but now also receives money from the Pentagon, the State Department and other government agencies. It will never lack for money ties, because one of Dr. Kirkpatrick's close friends is Vice President Humphrey; and Max M. Kampelman, vice president and attorney for Kirkpatrick's outfit, is one of Washington's leading Establishment liberals.

Even more significant, considering recent disclosures about the Central Intelligence Agency's fiddling with campus affairs, is the fact that OPR, Inc., has received large grants from the Sidney and Esther Rabb Charitable Foundation, one of the foundations identified as a conduit for CIA funds to feed the National Student Association. The Rabb Foundation gave four times as much to Dr. Kirkpatrick's professors as it gave to the students.

Another foundation helping to pay for Dr. Kirkpatrick's work is the Pappas Charitable Trust of Boston. In the last two years, OPR, Inc., has received more than \$120,000 from Pappas. It may or may not mean anything, but Pappas also supports the International Development Foundation, Inc., which glows with the suspicion of being a CIA front since it was launched with a grant of \$187,685 from the CIA-connected Radio Free Europe and \$30,000 from the Beacon Fund, which has been identified by Congressional investigators as having put money into another CIA-conduit foundation, the Kaplan Fund. In 1964 alone, Pappas gave the International Development Foundation \$102,000.

Dr. Kirkpatrick says it is "very likely" that these two foundations transmit CIA funds, and acknowledges that in 1963, 1964 and 1965 OPR, Inc., received CIA money, "principally" for studies of Latin American elections. No strings, he says, were attached to these grants.

Among other things, Dr. Kirkpatrick's organization reads and gives expert opinion on books which USIA then plants with commercial publishers—without, let us say, publicizing the sponsorship. One of the houses with which USIA has so worked is Potomac Books, whose secretary is Craig Colgate, Jr., formerly of the CIA.

Dr. Kirkpatrick's group also O.K.'d six books which USIA then published with Robert B. Luce, Inc. Luce—better known at the time as the publisher of *The New Republic*—was also a member of the publishing firm Grayson, Van Roijen and Luce, Inc., which three months after its founding became Potomac Books, Inc.

Nearly as talented a publicist as Dr. Kirkpatrick is his wife, Elaine, who in 1964 edited and wrote the introductory essay for *The Strategy of Deception*, a book which was published by Farrar, Straus, and made a "special alternate selection" by the Book-of-the-Month Club (at no time was it mentioned that the book's creation had been subsidized by the USIA).

The USIA did not pay Farrar, Straus; it paid *The New Leader*, whose editor, the late Sol Levitas, conceived of the book and peddled the idea to USIA. Mrs. Kirkpatrick said she had no idea that the USIA was subsidizing her book—a statement hard to accept, considering that one of its essays ("Communists in the CIO") was written by Kampelman, her husband's close associate in dealings with the USIA.

In the light of subsequent events, the slick brochure distributed by Book-of-the-Month seems almost to spell out the underlying plan. There, amidst patriotic endorsements by former CIA boss Allen W. Dulles and Senators Thomas J. Dodd and Paul H. Douglas, often collaborators in cold-war witch hunting, and Hubert Humphrey, was this note from the book club editors:

... the Book-of-the-Month Club is embarking on a distribution crusade on behalf of the book among institutions of higher education. To match every copy of *The Strategy of Deception* purchased by a member, a complimentary copy will be sent, pro bono publico, to the library of a college or university in the United States or Canada; and wherever it seems needed, two copies. Also, it will be suggested to the authorities of every such educational institution that the book be made required reading in all social studies and political courses. . . .

It did not matter to the USIA that it is forbidden by law from distributing its propaganda goodies in this country. Apparently it still does not matter, because according to USIA director Leonard Mark's testimony before Congress last year, the practice continues.

The full extent of the cooperation between the USIA and the CIA is just beginning to be uncovered, in their indoctrinating not only of foreigners but also of students in this country. When Congress begins its investigation, it might like to talk with Dr. Kirkpatrick about the extent to which he has induced the nation's political scientists to cooperate.

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